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S. 2400

To establish the Northern Yukon-Arctic International Wildlife Refuge, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 17 (legislative day, AUGUST 11), 1994

Mr. ROTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Northern Yukon-Arctic
5 International Wildlife Refuge Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE**
7 **REFUGE AREA.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective as of the date the
10 conditions described in subsection (b) are met, there

1 is established an international wildlife refuge area to
2 be known as the “Northern Yukon-Arctic Inter-
3 national Wildlife Refuge”, which shall include the
4 entire Arctic National Wildlife Refuge administered
5 under the National Wildlife Refuge System Adminis-
6 tration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

7 (2) PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHMENT.—The
8 Northern Yukon-Arctic International Wildlife Refuge
9 is established—

10 (A) for the purpose of permanently com-
11 memorating the long-existing relationship of
12 peace and good will between the people and
13 Governments of Canada and the United States;

14 (B) for the purpose of permanently pro-
15 tecting in an undisturbed condition the only re-
16 maining complete spectrum of Arctic
17 ecosystems in North America;

18 (C) in fulfillment of the serious responsibil-
19 ity of humans as stewards of the land, the re-
20 sources of the land, and the life that depends
21 on the land;

22 (D) for the purpose of permanently pro-
23 tecting all wild bird resources native to North
24 America that are in an unconfined state and

1 that are protected under the Migratory Bird
2 Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), including—

3 (i) ducks, geese, and swans of the
4 family Anatidae;

5 (ii) bird resources listed as threatened
6 or endangered under the Endangered Spe-
7 cies Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

8 (iii) birds that are nongame fish and
9 wildlife (as defined in section 3(6) of the
10 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of
11 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2902(6))); and

12 (iv) wetlands listed as protected under
13 the Convention on Wetlands of Inter-
14 national Importance, Especially as Water-
15 fowl Habitat, done at Ramsar on February
16 2, 1971 (TIAS 11084);

17 (E) for the purpose of maintaining a com-
18 mitment to the permanent protection of marine
19 mammals, including—

20 (i) seals, walruses, and whales, and
21 the Beaufort Sea population of polar bears
22 that are protected under the Agreement on
23 the Conservation of Polar Bears, done at
24 Oslo on November 15, 1973 (27 U.S.T.
25 3918); and

1 (ii) mammals listed as threatened or
2 endangered under the Endangered Species
3 Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

4 (F) for the purpose of maintaining a com-
5 mitment to the principles of caribou manage-
6 ment as prescribed under the Agreement on the
7 Conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd,
8 signed at Ottawa on July 17, 1987 (TIAS
9 11259);

10 (G) for the purpose of continued inter-
11 national cooperation and commitment to the
12 protection of marine and anadromous fish spe-
13 cies that inhabit the coastal waters of the Beau-
14 fort Sea, whose nearshore waters and brackish
15 lagoon system provide for the fish—

16 (i) eastward and westward migration
17 routes;

18 (ii) feeding areas; and

19 (iii) important spawning and
20 overwintering areas; and

21 (H) for the purpose of continuing the op-
22 portunity, consistent with sound management
23 principles, for subsistence uses by—

1 (i) rural residents of Alaska, including
2 Alaska Natives and other individuals, of
3 public lands; and

4 (ii) Alaska Natives of native lands
5 that are essential to native physical, eco-
6 nomic, traditional, and social existence;
7 which uses should cause the least adverse im-
8 pact practicable on other rural residents who
9 depend on subsistence uses of the resources of
10 the lands.

11 (b) CONDITIONS.—The establishment of the North-
12 ern Yukon-Arctic International Wildlife Refuge and the
13 inclusion in the refuge of the Arctic National Wildlife Ref-
14 uge shall become effective upon—

15 (1) the enactment by the proper authority of
16 the Government of Canada of a provision similar to
17 this Act concerning the Northern Yukon National
18 Park in or near the Yukon Territory, Canada; and

19 (2) the issuance of a proclamation by the Presi-
20 dent declaring that such an enactment by the Gov-
21 ernment of Canada has taken place.

22 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.**

23 For the purposes of administration and appropria-
24 tions, the United States portion of the Northern Yukon-
25 Arctic International Wildlife Refuge shall continue to be

1 administered under the National Wildlife Refuge System
2 Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
5 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

